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SUBJECT: ARMED SERVICES BOARD OF CONTRACT APPEALS CASE NO. 18156

REF: A) HONG KONG 9166 B) STATE 201803

1. DOUTBT IF WE CAN ADD ANYTHING SUBSTANTIVE TO OUR OBJECTIONS
OUTLINED IN REFTEL A TO ARMED SERVICES BOARD OF CONTRACT
APPEALS HOLDING A HEARING IN HONG KONG IN SEPTEMBER.
HEARING WOULD OBVIOUSLY GENERATE PUBLICITY, SINCE THAT IS
IN THE PLAINTIFF'S INTERESTS AND HIS REASON FOR WRANGLING
HEARING HERE, INVOLVING GRUBBY DETAILS OF MULTIMILLION
DOLLAR OPERATIONS OF PXS IN VIET-NAM REMINDING EVERYONE
THAT HONG KONG WAS BIG PROFITEER AND BASE FOR US OPERATIONS
IN THAT WAR. REVERSE SIDE OF THIS COIN IS THAT ALL LOCAL
HONG KONG CONTRACTORS AT CHINA FLEET CLUB COULD ALSO GET
BRIGHT IDEA OF INSTITUTING PROCEEDINGS AT NO COST TO THEM-
SELVES, ARGUING THAT PACIFIC EXCHANGES HAD GIVEN THEM
INFLATED ESTIMATES OF CUSTOMERS FOR PAST COUPLE OF
YEARS THUS DRAWING ATTENTION TO REDUCED SHIP VISITS TO
HONG KONG AND DECREASED US PRESENCE ELSEWHERE IN THE AREA.
BRITS PARTICULARLY DON'T LIKE TO HAVE ANY OF THESE THINGS
SAID OUT LOUD SINCE THEY ARE FACTUALLY MORE OR LESS
ACCURATE AND I WOULD THINK WE FOR OUR PART WOULD TRY TO
AVOID EMPHASIZING THE LESS WHOLESOME ASPECTS OF OUR
MILITARY ACTIVITIES. JUST THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO
WOULD BE INVOLVED (MY STAFF HAS FOUND OUT FROM SOMEWHERE
THAT THERE WOULD BE PROBABLY AS MANY AS THIRTY AMERICANS
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BROUGHT FROM THE UNITED STATES FOR THE HEARING) WOULD BE

BOUND TO CREATE A STIR.

2. WOULDN'T IT BE POSSIBLE FOR DEPARTMENT SIMPLY TO SAY
THAT IT HAD CHECKED OUT THE HEARING WITH THE CONSUL
GENERAL IN HONG KONG AND THE LATTER, ACTING ON HIS
RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL US OPERATIONS IN THE COLONY,
FEELS THAT HEARING WOULD NOT BE IN USG INTERESTS AND
ASKS THAT IT BE HELD ELSEWHERE, OR I COULD RESPOND ALONG THOSE
LINES TO A MESSAGE ASKING MY VIEWS? CROSS

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